

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 10, and 14, which were indicated as being allowable, have been rewritten in independent form. Our check in the amount of \$168.00 for the additional independent claims is enclosed. If any additional amount is required, please charge the cost thereof to our account, No. 07-2069.

The remaining claims, except for claim 1 (amended), are dependent on claim 2 and should also be allowable.

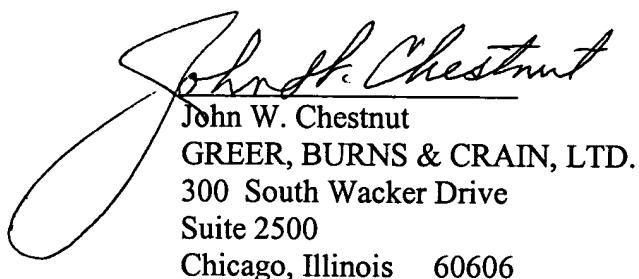
Original claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by Lippert. However, referring to Fig. 7 of Lippert, Lippert discloses a "flexible lip 72" (col. 4, line 33). Col. 5, lines 43-50 states that the flexible lip 72 flexes to accommodate variations in system parameters.

Claim 1 has been amended to describe the applicator plate and the wedge-shaped portion thereof as metal. Support for this amendment is found in the drawings, in which the applicator plate and wedge-shaped portion are cross-hatched as metal and on page 7, last line, which describes the recess 53 in the applicator plate as a "mechanical recess". In contrast to Lippert the metal wedge-shaped portion is relatively inflexible and does not flex as the web passes below.

In view of the foregoing, favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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